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Letter dated 9 December 1994 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the position of the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia concerning General Assembly resolution 49/13, on cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, adopted on 15 November 1994.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 27.

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ANNEX

Statement of the Government of Yugoslavia concerning General Assembly resolution 49/13

As is well known, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was suspended from the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) on the basis of a one-sided and unjust decision adopted on 8 July 1992 in Helsinki. The said decision remained in place despite the efforts of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and its contribution to the consolidation of the peace process and towards the search for a peaceful solution to the ensuing crises in the territory of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Even though its representatives cannot participate in the meetings and other CSCE activities, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia redoubled its efforts in order to further the political dialogue with the bodies and institutions of CSCE. Agreement was reached on the CSCE mission of long duration in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as well as other CSCE missions that subsequently visited the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Thomson's mission). There were several meetings between the representatives of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the representatives of the CSCE "Troika" and the delegation of the Parliamentary Assembly of CSCE. All that demonstrates the openness and readiness of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to have the dialogue with CSCE resumed on questions of mutual interest.

On the other hand, CSCE for its part did not take the steps that would enable the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to participate in CSCE on an equal footing, which would open up the prospects for the realization of CSCE activities in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. By adhering to this decision, CSCE deprived one of its founding member States of its right to participate in, and make a contribution to, the activities of the pan-European process.

As for the CSCE mission of long duration in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia wishes to use this opportunity as well to recall that the CSCE mission was not "expelled by the decision of the competent authorities" of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. In fact, the deadline set in the memorandum of understanding for the mission's extension had expired. The conditions for its renewal were not created primarily because CSCE ignored the proposals of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia wishes to reiterate its commitment towards the continuation of cooperation and dialogue with CSCE, and it is ready to review all outstanding questions, including the possibilities for the renewal of certain CSCE activities in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, only under the condition that all rights of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, as a full-fledged member of CSCE, be restored.